

Although Plaintiff is representing herself *pro se* in this Court and therefore held to a less stringent standard than a party represented by an attorney, she is still required to follow the rules that govern all litigants in federal court. *Grant v. Cuellar*, 59 F.3d 524, 524 (5th Cir. 1995). These rules include but are not limited to the rules and Court orders regarding conference with opposing counsel, following deadlines imposed by the rules and the Court's Scheduling Order, observing the response times for nondispositive and dispositive motions as set forth in Local Rule CV-7(e), and keeping the Court updated with a current address to ensure all filings are received.

Due to Plaintiff's *pro se* status, the Court will allow Plaintiff to file a More Definite Statement under Rule 12(e) providing more details about her claims against Defendant before considering whether to grant Defendant's Motion to Dismiss as unopposed or on the merits. In her More Definite Statement, Plaintiff should attempt to cure the deficiencies in her pleadings identified by Defendant in its motion. A failure to file the ordered More Definite Statement could result in Defendant's Motion to Dismiss being granted or this case being dismissed for failure to prosecute. If Plaintiff no longer intends to pursue her case against Defendant, she should file a notice with the Court advising the Court that she desires to dismiss her claims.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff file a More Definite Statement, which provides factual detail regarding the unlawful actions Plaintiff claims Defendant has taken and the relief Plaintiff seeks through this lawsuit, on or before **November 22, 2019**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff familiarize herself with the following resources to assist her in prosecuting her case:

- The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, available at: www.uscourts.gov/file/rules-civil-procedure

- This Court's Local Rules, available at <https://www.txwd.uscourts.gov/court-information/lcr-civil-rules/>
- The "Complete Pro Se Manual" which is available on the Court's website at: <https://www.txwd.uscourts.gov/filing-without-an-attorney/>.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff appear either in person or by phone at the Initial Pretrial Conference scheduled for December 12, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. as previously ordered. If Plaintiff would like to participate telephonically, she must contact Valeria Sandoval, Courtroom Deputy, at chestney_chambers@txwd.uscourts.gov at least **24 hours before the scheduled conference** to obtain call-in information.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SIGNED this 5th day of November, 2019.



ELIZABETH S. ("BETSY") CHESTNEY
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE